



*Making Christian Science nursing available to every child, man and woman seeking healing*

December 12, 2013

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support of the continuing unfoldment of the mission of Wellsprings! To paraphrase the words of a popular hymn, “Your [our] mission is to heal” (Hymn 5). Although we are not currently managing a facility as in the past, dedication to facilitating and supporting the *Church Manual* provision for the “Christian Science Nurse” (Article VIII, Section 31) is at the heart of our mission. Therefore, we are grateful to update you on the activities of Wellsprings’ following steps of progress.

A continuing need for benevolence for Christian Science nursing care is apparent. All donations to Wellsprings marked for benevolence go directly to funding the services provided by a Christian Science nurse. Since the sale of the Apopka facility has been completed, all past financial obligations have been met. This includes continuance of the original Endowment Fund, which is expected to yield 4% to 7% interest (it is currently realizing 7%). The income stream from the Endowment and investments are, at this time, sufficient to defray administrative expenses and the cost of planned activities and new resources.

As shared in our previous letter of August 24, the following new directions incorporating ideas gained from meetings unfolded:

- Informing members of our churches on the value of Christian Science nursing and its impact on the speedy recovery of those under Christian Science treatment.
- Assisting nurses in the development of their individual Christian Science nursing practice and ministry.
- Supporting and enabling benevolence for those using Christian Science nursing services.

In the letter, a plan to establish a part time Community Coordinator position to facilitate implementation of these directions was also shared. We are happy and grateful to announce that Becky Prior will be fulfilling this role. And, we might add, with much joy and enthusiasm!

Becky will be coordinating community involvement with nursing by connecting Christian Scientists with local nurses in their communities through our website and church community gatherings. She will not be explaining Christian Science nursing, but will be inviting local nurses to bring their professional expertise to that aspect of presentations. As Coordinator, she will promote the benevolence Wellsprings is now offering.

We are grateful to announce a **Benevolence Fund is now established and ready to serve Christian Scientists in Florida** who complete the application process. An application form can be obtained by calling (407) 880-8700, writing to Wellsprings of Florida, PO Box 40687, St Petersburg, FL 33743-0687, or through our web site [WellspringsFlorida.org](http://WellspringsFlorida.org).

Again, thank you for your ongoing support of the mission of Christian Science healing in your church community and the important role the *Manual*-based provision for the Christian Science nurse is contributing to this healing mission.

With joyful expectation,

Wellsprings Executive Board

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